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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 2894

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS/PN

SUBJECT: FMS CREDIT

1. REQUEST PANAMA BE ADDED TO COUNTRIES AUTHORIZED FMS CREDITS BEGINNING FY77. IN APRIL, 1975, GN OFFICIALS QUERIED MEMBER OF COUNTRY TEAM CONCERNING FMS CREDIT AVAILABILITY.

2. ALTHOUGH CREDIT LEVEL OF .5 MILLION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR FY78, NO FMS CREDIT HAS YET BEEN EXTENDED TO PANAMA. FMS PURCHASES OF US MILITARY TRAINING OR MATERIEL BY PANAMA HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO CASH SALES.

3. IT MAY BE EXPECTED THAT PANAMA WILL SEEK TO ACQUIRE INCREASING AMOUNTS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS COULD ACCELERATE RAPIDLY UPON CONCLUSION OF A NEW CANAL TREATY ARRANGEMENT GIVING PANAMA GREATER ROLE IN PANAMA CANAL DEFENSE. IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE US POSITION AS PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER, VERSUS OTHER COMPETITORS FOR SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO PROVIDE FMS CREDITS TO COMPLEMENT MAP GRANT AID AND FMS CASH SALES PROGRAMMED FOR FUTURE YEARS.

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